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Consumer Price Index, West Region — February 2022

Area prices were up 0.8 percent over the past month, up 8.1 percent from a year ago

Prices in the West Region, as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), advanced 0.8 percent in February, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. (See [table A.](#)) The February increase was influenced by higher prices for shelter. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes may reflect seasonal influences.)

Over the last 12 months, the CPI-U rose 8.1 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table A.](#)) This was the largest over-the-year increase in the CPI-U for the West Region since April 1982. Food prices increased 8.1 percent. Energy prices jumped 26.7 percent, largely the result of an increase in the price of gasoline. The index for all items less food and energy rose 6.7 percent over the year. (See [table 1.](#))

Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, West region, February 2019–February 2022

Month	All items	All items less food and energy
Feb 2019	2.4	2.7
Mar 2019	2.4	2.7
Apr 2019	2.9	2.9
May 2019	2.9	2.8
Jun 2019	2.7	2.9
Jul 2019	2.7	2.9
Aug 2019	2.6	3.1
Sep 2019	2.6	3.0
Oct 2019	2.8	2.8
Nov 2019	2.8	2.8
Dec 2019	2.8	2.8
Jan 2020	2.9	2.8
Feb 2020	3.1	2.9
Mar 2020	2.5	2.5
Apr 2020	1.3	2.1
May 2020	0.8	1.9
Jun 2020	1.2	1.7
Jul 2020	1.7	2.0
Aug 2020	1.9	1.9
Sep 2020	1.6	1.6
Oct 2020	1.2	1.6
Nov 2020	1.4	1.8
Dec 2020	1.5	1.5
Jan 2021	1.4	1.3
Feb 2021	1.6	1.2
Mar 2021	2.4	1.5

Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, West region, February 2019–February 2022 - Continued

Month	All items	All items less food and energy
Apr 2021	3.9	2.7
May 2021	4.7	3.3
Jun 2021	5.1	4.1
Jul 2021	5.2	3.9
Aug 2021	5.0	3.8
Sep 2021	5.3	4.0
Oct 2021	6.0	4.5
Nov 2021	6.5	4.8
Dec 2021	7.1	5.5
Jan 2022	7.7	6.2
Feb 2022	8.1	6.7

Food

Food prices increased 1.1 percent for the month of February. (See [table 1.](#)) Prices for food at home rose 1.4 percent, with price increases in all food sub-categories. Prices for food away from home increased 0.6 percent for the same period.

Over the year, food prices increased 8.1 percent. Prices for food at home advanced 9.4 percent since a year ago, with all food sub-categories increasing by at least 5.4 percent. Prices for food away from home rose 6.4 percent.

Energy

The energy index advanced 0.8 percent over the month. The increase was mainly due to higher prices for gasoline (1.9 percent). Prices for electricity advanced 0.3 percent, but prices for natural gas service decreased 3.8 percent for the same period.

Energy prices jumped 26.7 percent over the year, largely due to higher prices for gasoline (37.8 percent). Prices paid for natural gas service rose 21.2 percent, and prices for electricity advanced 10.2 percent during the past year.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.8 percent in February. Higher prices for apparel (4.3 percent), medical care (1.0 percent), and shelter (0.6 percent) led the increase.

Over the year, the index for all items less food and energy rose 6.7 percent. Components contributing to the increase included new and used motor vehicles (22.0 percent), household furnishings and operations (9.6 percent), and shelter (5.2 percent).

Table A. West region CPI-U 1-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted

Month	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month
January	0.5	3.1	0.2	2.7	0.3	2.9	0.2	1.4	0.9	7.7
February	0.5	3.1	0.2	2.4	0.4	3.1	0.5	1.6	0.8	8.1
March	0.4	3.2	0.4	2.4	-0.2	2.5	0.7	2.4		
April	0.4	3.2	0.8	2.9	-0.4	1.3	1.0	3.9		
May	0.5	3.5	0.5	2.9	0.1	0.8	0.8	4.7		
June	0.2	3.6	0.0	2.7	0.4	1.2	0.9	5.1		
July	0.1	3.6	0.0	2.7	0.5	1.7	0.6	5.2		
August	0.2	3.6	0.1	2.6	0.3	1.9	0.2	5.0		

Table A. West region CPI-U 1-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted - Continued

Month	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month
September	0.3	3.4	0.3	2.6	0.0	1.6	0.2	5.3		
October	0.4	3.5	0.5	2.8	0.2	1.2	0.8	6.0		
November	-0.2	3.3	-0.1	2.8	0.0	1.4	0.5	6.5		
December	-0.2	3.1	-0.2	2.8	-0.1	1.5	0.4	7.1		

The March 2022 Consumer Price Index for the West Region is scheduled to be released on April 12, 2022.

Technical Note

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measures of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 93 percent of the total U.S. population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers approximately 29 percent of the total U.S. population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Each month, prices are collected in 75 urban areas across the country from about 6,000 housing units and approximately 22,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index.
















































The index measures price changes from a designated reference date; for most of the CPI-U the reference base is 1982-84 equals 100. An increase of 7 percent from the reference base, for example, is shown as 107.000. Alternatively, that relationship can also be expressed as the price of a base period market basket of goods and services rising from \$100 to \$107. For further details see the CPI home page on the Internet at www.bls.gov/cpi and the CPI section of the BLS Handbook of Methods available on the internet at www.bls.gov/opub/hom/cpi/.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Because the sample size of a local area is smaller, the local area index is subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than the national index. In addition, local indexes are not adjusted for seasonal influences. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are quite similar. **NOTE: Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices between cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.**

The West Region covered in this release is comprised of the following thirteen states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
























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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods West (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes				Percent change from-		
	Historical data	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022
Expenditure category							
All Items.....		296.102	298.705	301.158	8.1	1.7	0.8
All items (December 1977=100).....		478.633	482.840	486.805			
Food and beverages		298.185	301.058	304.228	7.8	2.0	1.1
Food		299.237	302.139	305.426	8.1	2.1	1.1
Food at home		282.075	284.701	288.722	9.4	2.4	1.4
Cereals and bakery products		281.894	287.445	289.271	8.8	2.6	0.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....		319.364	318.325	319.495	12.8	0.0	0.4
Dairy and related products		249.507	253.776	259.727	5.4	4.1	2.3
Fruits and vegetables		363.171	369.795	375.946	8.8	3.5	1.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials		199.135	199.200	203.121	6.6	2.0	2.0
Other food at home		236.401	238.889	243.433	9.9	3.0	1.9
Food away from home.....		321.369	324.676	326.611	6.4	1.6	0.6
Alcoholic beverages		281.170	283.610	285.027	4.6	1.4	0.5
Housing		324.675	327.420	329.267	6.2	1.4	0.6
Shelter		372.354	374.169	376.280	5.2	1.1	0.6
Rent of primary residence(1).....		394.665	396.584	398.598	4.2	1.0	0.5
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(1)(2).....		392.230	394.239	395.783	4.8	0.9	0.4
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(1)(2).....		392.075	394.073	395.614	4.8	0.9	0.4
Fuels and utilities.....		348.975	361.102	360.162	10.8	3.2	-0.3
Household energy		299.994	311.805	309.516	12.8	3.2	-0.7
Energy services(1)		301.352	313.231	310.804	12.5	3.1	-0.8
Electricity(1).....		329.569	340.175	341.086	10.2	3.5	0.3
Utility (piped) gas service(1).....		254.144	269.601	259.426	21.2	2.1	-3.8
Household furnishings and operations		147.843	149.800	151.716	9.6	2.6	1.3
Apparel		116.739	118.771	123.871	9.3	6.1	4.3
Transportation		256.142	258.937	261.970	21.0	2.3	1.2
Private transportation		256.169	258.917	261.597	21.5	2.1	1.0
New and used motor vehicles(3).....		124.076	126.103	126.930	22.0	2.3	0.7
New vehicles		166.822	169.151	169.586	11.9	1.7	0.3
New cars and trucks(3)(4)		115.904	117.548	117.856	12.0	1.7	0.3
New cars(4)		165.345	166.812	167.061	11.2	1.0	0.1
Used cars and trucks.....		198.068	200.995	202.981	39.9	2.5	1.0
Motor fuel		331.282	331.018	337.333	37.9	1.8	1.9
Gasoline (all types).....		330.078	329.754	335.897	37.8	1.8	1.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular(4).....		326.757	326.446	332.621	38.5	1.8	1.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade(4)(5).....		315.000	314.575	320.157	36.0	1.6	1.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium(4).....		322.329	321.979	327.605	34.9	1.6	1.7
Medical Care		548.403	555.913	561.235	4.0	2.3	1.0
Medical care commodities.....		424.650	430.046	433.685	6.0	2.1	0.8
Medical care services		586.660	594.822	600.663	3.5	2.4	1.0
Professional services		379.608	384.595	386.503	3.3	1.8	0.5
Recreation(3).....		121.371	122.247	122.253	5.9	0.7	0.0
Education and communication(3).....		141.473	141.489	141.868	0.5	0.3	0.3
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(6) ..		1,561.607	1,560.889	1,563.378	3.8	0.1	0.2
Other goods and services		486.793	485.277	490.764	3.7	0.8	1.1
Commodity and Service Group							
All Items.....		296.102	298.705	301.158	8.1	1.7	0.8
Commodities		212.825	214.940	217.767	12.9	2.3	1.3

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods West (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) - Continued

Item and Group	Indexes				Percent change from-		
	Historical data	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022
Commodities less food & beverages.....		170.139	171.863	174.406	16.5	2.5	1.5
Nondurables less food & beverages		216.638	217.600	221.901	15.5	2.4	2.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel		286.615	286.939	290.886	17.6	1.5	1.4
Durables		126.074	128.030	129.329	17.5	2.6	1.0
Services		372.228	375.241	377.199	5.2	1.3	0.5
Rent of shelter(2).....		396.705	398.654	400.918	5.2	1.1	0.6
Transportation services		320.436	325.189	329.493	7.0	2.8	1.3
Other services		378.398	379.121	379.258	3.5	0.2	0.0
Special aggregate indexes:							
All items less medical care		284.514	286.903	289.227	8.4	1.7	0.8
All items less food		295.743	298.300	300.624	8.1	1.7	0.8
All items less shelter.....		266.166	269.099	271.700	9.7	2.1	1.0
Commodities less food		174.451	176.209	178.753	15.9	2.5	1.4
Nondurables		257.616	259.513	263.290	11.1	2.2	1.5
Nondurables less food.....		221.630	222.681	226.845	14.6	2.4	1.9
Nondurables less food and apparel.....		285.653	286.167	289.879	16.1	1.5	1.3
Services less rent of shelter(2).....		382.770	387.531	389.312	5.3	1.7	0.5
Services less medical care services.....		357.241	359.907	361.605	5.4	1.2	0.5
Energy		323.449	328.641	331.185	26.7	2.4	0.8
All items less energy		296.741	299.195	301.662	6.9	1.7	0.8
All items less food and energy		297.129	299.513	301.848	6.7	1.6	0.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities		157.409	159.310	161.474	12.2	2.6	1.4
Energy commodities.....		337.504	337.488	343.844	37.7	1.9	1.9
Services less energy services		377.785	380.301	382.519	4.9	1.3	0.6

Footnotes

(1) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

(2) Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

(3) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

(4) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

(5) Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

(6) Indexes on a December 1977=100 base.

- Data not available

Regions defined as the four Census regions. West includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date. Data not seasonally adjusted.